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Terry J. Brady, Treasurer
Graves for Congress
4701 Northwest 82nd Street
Kansas City, MO 64151

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Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/ or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are

"dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling", "door-to-door get out the vote", "get out the vote phone calls" and "driving voters to the polls". Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance", "consulting", "commission", "contract labor", "retainer", "election day expense", "expenses", "invoice", "support" "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "professional services", "get-out-the-vote" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Pittman
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**EXCESSIVE
CONTRIBUTIONS ON
THE 2001 YEAR-END
REPORT**

**P = Primary Election
G = General Election**

CONTRIBUTOR NAME		DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Condron	Wes	11/30/2001	2000	P
Dale	Rolanda	12/21/2001	1000	G
Dale	Rolanda	12/21/2001	1000	P
Dale	Rolanda	12/21/2001	1000	G
Davis	Christopher D.	02/22/2001	1000	P
Davis	Christopher D.	02/22/2001	1000	G 2000
Davis	Christopher D.	08/20/2001	1000	P
DeBruce	Paul	08/09/2001	2000	P
DeBruce	Paul	11/30/2001	2000	P
DeBruce	Paul	12/31/2001	-1000	P
Gabel	Gary	08/10/2001	500	P
Gabel	Gary	12/20/2001	2000	P
Gage	Steve	08/30/2001	2000	P
Gage	Steve	12/28/2001	1000	G
Giardina	James J.	12/30/2001	2000	P
Kline	Woodrow	06/30/2001	500	P
Kline	Woodrow	12/24/2001	600	P
Kruse	Lowell C.	06/08/2001	500	P
Kruse	Lowell C.	11/30/2001	1000	P
Lager	Brad	06/30/2001	1000	P
Lager	Brad	10/24/2001	1000	G
Loch Jr.	Robert	12/31/2001	2000	P
Reed	E. L.	06/26/2001	250	P
Reed	E. L.	12/13/2001	2000	P
Reed	Randall C.	06/29/2001	1000	G
Reed	Randall C.	06/29/2001	1000	P
Reed	Randall C.	12/21/2001	1000	P
Reed	Randall C.	12/21/2001	1000	P
Sharpe	Charles N.	08/20/2001	500	P
Sharpe	Charles N.	12/12/2001	1500	P
Sosland	Morton I.	06/26/2001	1000	G
Sosland	Morton I.	06/26/2001	1000	P
Sosland	Morton I.	11/30/2001	1000	P
Stanton	Dan	11/21/2001	1500	P
Sunderland	J. P.	11/30/2001	2000	P

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Thedinger	Mariya	06/22/2001	1000	P
Thedinger	Mariya	12/18/2001	1000	P

